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Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Macfeat Laboratory School**, a department of the **Richard W. Riley College of Education** at Winthrop University, recently earned accreditation from the **National Association for the Education of Young Children**. The organization is the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

"We're proud to be accredited by NAEYC, and recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest standards," said **Patricia Graham**, dean of the **College of Education**. "NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are receiving the best care and early learning experiences."

Macfeat and other early childhood programs accredited by the association have undergone a comprehensive process of self-study, submitted to a site visit by independent, professional validators, and found to be in compliance with the academy's criteria. Programs are accredited by NAEYC for a five-year period.

Macfeat offers half-day and full-day programs from August through May. The school, led by director **Betty Conner**, is located in the Withers/W.T.S. Building. First priority is given to children of faculty, staff and students but members of the public also can enroll their children.

Founded in 1892, Macfeat earned its **first NAEYC accreditation** in the mid-1990s. More than 8,000 schools are accredited through the NAEYC, which was started in 1985 and is the largest and most influential of early childhood associations.

Serving 3-, 4- and 5-year-old children, Macfeat offers a child-centered program with classrooms organized around learning centers that foster exploration, creativity, collaboration and independence. Staffed by professional educators, graduate, and undergraduate students, and numerous volunteers, Macfeat serves as an education site for prospective teachers and other professionals that work with young children. Macfeat Laboratory School strives to meet the needs of a diverse population of learners while exploring ways to better meet the challenges of educating young children in the 21st century.

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